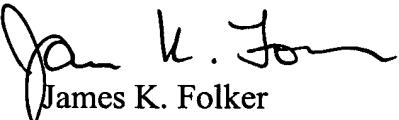


or if the Election of Species Requirement is partially withdrawn and Species III-VII are examined together. Accordingly, it appears as though no serious burden exists because the same, or a very similar, search is required for a proper examination of Species IV alone or of Species III-VII together.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Election of Species Requirement be partially withdrawn and that Species III-VII be examined together.

Respectfully Submitted,

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